

James K. Coyne

President, National Air Transportation Association

Born in Farmville, Virginia, and raised in suburban Philadelphia, he holds a B.S. degree from Yale and an M.B.A. from Harvard. During the 1970's he was a faculty member at the Wharton School (Univ. of Pa.) and the CEO of a family business in Philadelphia (Coyne Chemical Company). He defeated an entrenched incumbent Congress in 1980, and was then chosen to serve in the White House as a Special Assistant to President Ronald Reagan and Director of the Office of Private Sector Initiatives. The National Air Transportation Association, representing nearly 2000 large and small aviation businesses, selected James K. Coyne as its President in April 1994. Prior to joining NATA, Mr. Coyne has had a distinguished career as a Representative in the U.S. Congress, a member of the White House senior staff, successful businessman, teacher, author and association executive. For the past 25 years, he has been an active pilot with instrument and multi-engine ratings.

Since leaving the White House in 1985, he has been an author, consultant, and association executive. He has been the President of the American Consulting Engineers Council, founder and President of the American Tort Reform Association, found and President of Americans to Limit Congressional Terms, and the author of two books on Congressional reform. He has also been a Director of numerous private and public corporations, including the Association of Former Members of Congress.

His love for and commitment to aviation has been an important facet of his professional and private life. Two business airplanes helped him to expand his business significantly in the 1970s. He also regularly flew from Washington to Pennsylvania during his term in Congress. As NATA President, Mr. Coyne has visited over 300 FBOs and aviation service businesses across the country. He also regularly presents the viewpoint of our industry before Congressional Committees, the FAA, and other federal agencies.

Jim Coyne lives in McLean, Virginia, with his wife, Holly, an instrument-rated pilot, and their three children, Sandy (also a pilot), Kate, and Michael.